[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*d*) The total volume of transactions (receipts and payments) stood at Rs. 16,286 in 1080, and is at Rs. 45,408 now. There is no separate clerk for this work. The audit work is done by an auditor doing this part-time, (*i. e.*, along with other work) and the clerical work connected with the administration of the fund (which was taken over by the Finance Department in 1085 M. E.) is looked after by a clerk similarly working part-time.

(*e*) This does not arise.

Statement, by Castes, of Persons paying Land Tax.

22. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total amount and the percentage of the land tax paid by the different communities in the State, namely, Roman Catholic Christians, other Christians, Mahomedans, Nairs, Nanjinad Vellalas, Malayala Brahmins, Paradesi Brahmins, other Savarna Hindus, Ezhavas, Kammalas, other Avarna Hindus, Animists, Jews and other unspecified classes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative as the information is not available now and as its collection will entail much labour.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that such a statement was prepared and given by the Cochin Government in answer to an interpellation by a member of the Council there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the Government aware of the fact that the claims of the different communities in the State for representation in public service are being vehemently pressed by the prominent members of the different communities in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Government are aware.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of that fact, is it not desirable to prepare the statement of the kind required?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The preparation of the statement involves enormous labour.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Cannot the information be collected from the *tandaper*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The *tandaper* accounts form the basis from which the information required could be gathered, but that does not give any information as to the caste to which each holder belongs. Therefore, an elaborate enquiry will have to be instituted in order to ascertain the caste of each *tandaper*-holder. That will involve a lot of expense, labour and time.

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